Resolution 19

RECOGNITION AND CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE CENTER FOR GEOGRAPHIC STUDIES AND RESEARCH (CEPEIGE), AT THE COMMEMORATION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY SINCE THE START OF ITS ACTIVITIES

The 24th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), held in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic,

Considering:

• The fact that the 9th General Assembly, held in Washington D.C., between the 2nd and the 19th of June, 1969, designated an ad hoc committee, made up of the professors Elena M. Chiozza (Argentina), Raquel María de León (Panama) and C.W. Minkel (United States), in order to study the possibility of setting up a Pan American center for geographic studies and research in the city of Quito, Ecuador, this being a Project submitted by that Member State;

• The fact that the report submitted by this ad hoc committee was favorable and was cited in the “Boletín Aéreo” (Aerial Newsletter) in the issue corresponding to January-February of 1970;

• The fact that resolution Nº 28, issued by the 12th Meeting of the Directing Council, held in Mexico City in 1970, established that it “received favorably the conclusions of the ad hoc committee and provided the auspices of the PAIGH for creating a Center for Geographic Studies and Research in Quito, Ecuador”;

• The fact that the first course of the Pan American Center for Geographic Studies and Research (CEPEIGE) was held in July 1973 under the title “New Methods for Teaching and Research in Modern Geography”, with the notable participation of the professors Dr. C.W. Minkel, Dr. Tom L. Martinson and Dr. Robert N. Thomas;

• The fact that, in December of 1973, an agreement between the Republic of Ecuador and the Pan American Institute of Geography and History was ratified; in this it was established that the Ecuadorian Government would provide to the CEPEIGE a location for classrooms, offices, equipment and personnel;

• The fact that the CEPEIGE has as its fundamental objective the public dissemination and encouragement of knowledge of the geographic sciences in the Continent, by means of organizing courses for post-graduates, performance of research, holding specialized scientific events, the publication of geographic texts and documents, and cooperation with organizations at national and international levels related to its purposes;
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- That recommended by the 99th and 100th Meetings of Authorities and by the Administrative Policy Committee,

**Resolves:**

**Firstly:** To congratulate the CEPEIGE upon the 50th anniversary of its operations and for its valuable contribution to the performance and public dissemination of the geographic sciences in the Americas.

**Secondly:** To recognize the work of the authorities and staff of the CEPEIGE in the organization of courses for post-graduates, performance of research, holding specialized scientific events, the publication of geographic texts and documents, and its outstanding cooperation with organizations at national and international levels; being activities aligned with the mission, vision and principles of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History.

**Thirdly:** To thank the Ecuadorian Government for its support of and commitment to the CEPEIGE, providing the premises necessary for its operations.

**Fourthly:** To urge the CEPEIGE to continue encouraging geographic knowledge on the Continent and to strengthen its links of cooperation with the Member States of the PAIGH.

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This Resolution was adopted at the 24th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), held and recorded in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on November the 2nd, 2023.

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